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Annual Meeting

September 23rd, 24th and 25th, 1942

At a recent meeting of the Executive of the Manitoba Medical Association, there was considerable discussion regarding the programme and entertainment for the forthcoming meeting. It was felt by the Executive that the entertainment should be curtailed this year. It was accordingly decided to omit the usual dinner-dance. A public meeting will be held in the main Auditorium on the evening of September 24th, 1942.

Tentative arrangements for this public meeting are under way. There will be four brief addresses on health matters of interest to the general public. The speakers will likely be:

Dr. A. E. Archer, President of the Canadian Medical Association.

Dr. F. Gillespie of Edmonton, Alberta.

Dr. J. W. Scott of Edmonton, Alberta.

Dr. F. W. Jackson, Deputy Minister of Health for the Province of Manitoba.

It is hoped that the public meeting will receive a good response.

North West Medical Society

That most active district medical society, the North Western, held a meeting at the Sacred Heart Hospital, Russell, on August 19th, which attracted medical men and their wives from Neepawa, Virden, Hamiota, Birtle, Shoal Lake, Miniota, Langenburg, Roblin, Russell, Minnedosa, Rossburn, Angusville, Spyhill and Binscarth. Dr. John Skafel of Minnedosa presided, and Dr. E. D. Hudson, a senior member of the Canadian Medical Association, was secretary. The guest speakers, all from Winnipeg, were: Dr. Neil John MacLean, who spoke on Hernias; Dr. W. A. Gardiner, who spoke on Club Feet, and Dr. J. C. Hossack on Nervous Diseases.

Wives of the out-of-town doctors were guests at the home of Mrs. T. I. Brownlee. The visiting doctors, numbering 28, were entertained at dinner in the Queen's Hotel. September meeting in Winnipeg.

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Abstract

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Halitosis:

Crohn and Drosd (J. Am. M. Ass. 1942, 117, 2242) state that halitosis not due to local causes responds to a low fat diet (50 gms. daily). The Chinese think all eaters of milk and butter smell like cows. Experiments were done on garlic. It was concluded that garlic is absorbed in the intestine and excreted in the liver bile for several days. During this time the odor of garlic is conveyed by the blood to the lungs, and thence by the expired air to innocent bystanders.

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Obituaries

Dr. John Sutherland Matheson

Dr. John Sutherland Matheson, a pioneer surgeon of Brandon, died at his home on July 27 after a long illness.

Born at Woodstock, Ont., in 1874, he came with his parents to the new settlement in Brandon in 1883. At the age of 20 he graduated in medicine from Toronto University and after post-graduate work in Edinburgh and Chicago, he began practice in Brandon in 1895. Here he threw himself into the life of the community. For 24 years he was a member of the school board, serving several terms as chairman. He was a member of the honorary attending staff of Brandon General Hospital and a member of the Board of Directors. During the first World War he served with distinction, returned with the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel, and became chief medical officer at M.D. 10. He was a fellow of the American College of Surgeons and of the Royal College of Surgeons of Canada.

His wife, a son—Dr. Murray S. Matheson, and a daughter, Mrs. George Davidson of Vancouver, survive him. His death will be mourned by a wide circle of friends throughout Western Canada.

Dr. J. B. Cloutier

Dr. J. B. Cloutier of Letellier, died at his home on August 5 of cerebral haemorrhage. Born at Riviere du Loup, Quebec, fifty-two years ago, he graduated in medicine in 1916 and came to Manitoba to practice in Letellier. He is survived by his widow and five children, of whom the oldest son is a member of the R.C.A.F. in Edmonton.

First Annual Meeting Manitoba Health Officers' Association

Tuesday, September 22nd, 1942

a.m.—

9:15 Registration and film on Health Subjects.

9:30 E. S. Bolton, M.D., D.P.H., Director of Health, City of Brandon, Man.—“Experiences in the Control of Diphtheria and Scarlet Fever by Immunization.”

Discussion opened by O. J. Day, M.D., director of City of Winnipeg Health of Children Services.

10:00 Mr. J. Foggie, Chief Provincial Sanitary Inspector—“Problems in Sanitation, particularly re Septic Tanks and Cesspools.”

10:30 Questions and Answers.

11:00 F. Walkin, M.D., Ashern, Man.—“Problems of the Part-time Health Officer in Northern Manitoba.”

The morning session will be held in the Auditorium of the Department of Health Building, 320 Sherbrook Street, Corner Portage Avenue

12:30 Luncheon—(Place to be announced).

The Hon. J. O. McLenaghan, Minister of Health and Public Welfare, will give an address.

Those attending will be guests of the Department of Health.

p.m.—

2:00 Election of Officers and Business.

2:30 President's Address.

2:45 Discussion re Remuneration of Part-time Health Officers.

3:15 F. Purdie, M.D., Griswold, Man.—“Random Experiences of a Part-time Health Officer.”

3:45 C. E. Mather, M.D., D.P.H., of the Department of Health — “How the Part-time Health Officer can Readily Improve His Work.”

4:15 C. R. Donovan, M.D., D.P.H., Director of Disease Prevention—“Information Regarding the Present Status of Disease Prevention.”

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Personal Notes and Social News

Dr. and Mrs. W. T. Dingle arrived from Scotland to be the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Dingle, Winnipeg.

Dr. and Mrs. Harry Benwell and their daughter, of Grand Forks, N.D., were recent visitors to Winnipeg.

Dr. C. H. Moore, recently a resident surgeon at the St. Boniface Hospital, has joined up for active service in the navy.

Dr. C. V. McClelland was married July 18th to Annie L. Lang. Dr. and Mrs. McClelland will reside in Pine Falls, Man.

Dr. and Mrs. R. L. Howden of Norwood, Man., are celebrating the birth, on July 29th, of a son (Robert Campbell), at St. Boniface Hospital.

Capt. J. F. A. McManus, R.C.A.M.C. (overseas) and Mrs. McManus are celebrating the birth of a son (Anthony Edward) on July 30th, at Grace Hospital.

Dr. and Mrs. Eyjolfur Johnson of Selkirk, Man., are receiving congratulations on the birth of a daughter on July 27th, at the Winnipeg General Hospital.

Dr. Roger Knipe of Vancouver, son of the late Dr. G. W. Knipe, and his mother, were recent visitors to Winnipeg, where they spent a few days renewing old acquaintances.

Flight-Lieut. R. G. Cadham, R.C.A.F. (overseas), and Mrs. Cadham announce the arrival of a son to be named Fred James, at the Winnipeg General Hospital on July 24th.

Dr. Donald J. Hastings, elder son of Dr. and Mrs. H. E. Hastings, is to be married in Holy Trinity Church, September 12th, to Isobel Mary, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Carver of Winnipeg.

Major William J. Boyd, who went overseas as second in command of a light field ambulance unit, has been promoted to the rank of Lieut.-Colonel and placed in charge of No. 4 Field Ambulance Brigade.

Dr. Isabelle McTavish, medical missionary to China for 25 years, recently returned safely to Canada. Dr. McTavish graduated from the Manitoba Medical College in 1915, and her home is in Newdale, Man.

Lieut. Sam Rusen, R.C.A.M.C., was married on August 11th to Edith, eldest daughter of Dr. and Mrs. S. Kobrinsky of Winnipeg. After a short honeymoon Dr. and Mrs. Rusen will reside temporarily in Brandon.

Dr. Digby Wheeler was awarded the Shaughnessy Cup for the most beautiful home grounds in all classes, in the Greater Winnipeg garden competition, sponsored by the Manitoba Horticultural Society.

Capt. John D. Leishman, son of Dr. and Mrs. A. G. V. Leishman of Winnipeg, was married June 20th, in St. Mary's parish church, Harsham County, Essex, England, to Nursing Sister Gertrude Eileen Lake of St. Johns, Newfoundland.

Dr. Irwin H. Mazerovsky has been appointed provincial coroner at Churchill.

Dr. J. Roy Martin of Neepawa and Dr. A. F. Menzies of Morden have been appointed by the Manitoba Government to the provincial Board of Health. They will fill the vacancies created by the deaths of Dr. G. W. Rogers, Dauphin, and Dr. J. S. Matheson, Brandon.

Three Medical Musketeers—Drs. B. E. Loadman, J. E. Hudson and C. E. Corbett, three college chums who graduated in the same class from the Manitoba Medical College, joined the same army unit, went to Camp Borden and returned to Camp Shilo as lieutenants, have all been promoted captains and attached to the 3rd Field Ambulance, R.C.A.M.C.

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Department of Health and Public Welfare

COMMUNICABLE DISEASE REPORT

June 18th to July 15th, 1942

MEASLES: Total 239—Winnipeg 92, St. Andrews 19, St. Boniface 17, St. Vital 12, Minnetonka 8, Kildonan East 6, Piney 7, Selkirk Town 5, Tuxedo Town 4, Deloraine Town 3, Portage la Prairie City 3, Winchester 3, Brandon 2, Ellice 2, St. James 2, Tache 2, Arthur 1, Beausejour Town 1, Fort Garry 1, Kildonan West 1, Norfolk North 1, Stonewall Town 1, Ste. Anne 1, Wallace 1. Late Reported: Piney 28, Deloraine Town 7, Fort Garry 2, St. Vital 2, Winchester 2, Brandon 1, Lorne 1, Tache 1.

CHICKENPOX: Total 124—Winnipeg 61, Napinka Village 12, Virden Town 10, Neepawa Town 8, St. Boniface 7, Arthur 4, Rosser 3, Transcona 2, Brenda 1, Elkhorn Village 1, Glenwood 1, Hillsburg 1, Kildonan East 1, Kildonan West 1, Melita Town 1, Minnedosa Town 1, Souris Town 1, Stonewall Town 1, St. James 1, St. Vital 1, Tuxedo Town 1, Woodworth 1, Unorganized 1. Late Reported: Brooklands Village 1, Springfield 1.

MUMPS: Total 114—Portage la Prairie City 28, Brandon 24, Winnipeg 18, St. Vital 7, Portage la Prairie Rural 5, St. Boniface 5, Grandview Rural 3, Tuxedo Town 3, Unorganized 2, Daly 1, Dauphin Town 1, Flin Flon 1, Hamiota Rural 1, Norfolk North 1, Transcona 1, Wallace 1, Whitehead 1. Late Reported: St. Andrews 3, Transcona 3, Portage la Prairie City 1, Brandon 1, St. Vital 1, Virden Town 1, Unorganized 1.

TUBERCULOSIS: Total 83—Winnipeg 35, St. Vital 4, St. James 3, Dauphin Town 2, De Salaberry 2, Kildonan North 2, Siglunes 2, St. Boniface 2, St. Clements 2, Unorganized 2, Argyle 1, Brandon 1, Coldwell 1, Cornwallis 1, Dauphin Rural 1, Fort Garry 1, Kildonan East 1, Kildonan Old 1, Kildonan West 1, La Broquerie 1, Mossey River 1, Rhineland 1, Roland 1, Rosedale 1, Selkirk Town 1, Shellmouth 1, Shell River 1, Springfield 1, Swan River Rural 1, Ste. Anne 1, St. Laurent 1, St. Paul East 1, Ste. Rose Rural 1, Thompson 1, Transcona 1, Turtle Mountain 1, Woodlands 1.

SCARLET FEVER: Total 79—Winnipeg 35, Brandon 5, Portage la Prairie Rural 5, Cornwallis 2, Fort Garry 2, Norfolk North 2, Portage la Prairie City 2, Birtle Rural 1, Dauphin Town 1, Elton 1, Hillsburg 1, Kildonan East 1, Kildonan North 1, Kildonan West 1, Sifton 1, Springfield 1, Swan River Rural 1, Tache 1, Transcona 1, Tuxedo Town 1. Late Reported: Dauphin Rural 10, Fort Garry 1, Harrison 1, Springfield 1.

WHOOPING COUGH: Total 16—Souris Town 3, Kildonan East 2, Virden Town 2, Winnipeg 2, Brandon 1. Late Reported: Gilbert Plains Rural 4, Brandon 1, Gilbert Plains Village 1.

DIPHThERIA: Total 15—Tuxedo Town 3, Winnipeg 3, St. Vital 2, Cornwallis 1, Hanover 1, MacDonald 1, Neepawa Town 1, Richot 1, St. Boniface 1, Tache 1.

ERYSIPELAS: Total 10—Winnipeg 6, Hanover 1, Rockwood 1, St. Andrews 1, Transcona 1.

GERMAN MEASLES: Total 9—Brandon 4, Kildonan West 3, Norfolk North 1, Portage la Prairie Rural 1.

ANTERIOR POLIOMYELITIS: Total 7—Gladstone Town 1, Portage la Prairie Rural 1, Unorganized 1. Late Reported: Kildonan East 1, Kildonan West 1, Fort Garry 1, Roland 1.

LOBAR PNEUMONIA: Total 3—Hanover 2, South Norfolk 1.

ENCEPHALITIS: Total 1—Westbourne 1.

SEPTIC SORE THROAT: Total 1—Whitewater 1.

DIPHThERIA CARRIERS: Total 1—Winnipeg 1.

VENEREAL DISEASE: Total 126—Gonorrhoea 95, Syphilis 31.

TREATY INDIANS: Total 17—Tuberculosis 14, Mumps 3.

DEATHS FROM COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

June, 1942

URBAN—Cancer 50, Tuberculosis 11, Syphilis 7, Lethargic Encephalitis 3, Pneumonia Lobar 2, Pneumonia (other forms) 3, Influenza 1, Hodgkin's Disease 1, Brucellosis 1. Other deaths under one year 17. Other deaths over one year 155. Stillbirths 15. Total 266.

RURAL—Cancer 30, Tuberculosis 11, Pneumonia Lobar 5, Pneumonia (other forms) 10, Syphilis 1, Septicemia (Non-Puer.) 1, Cerebrospinal Meningitis 1, Mumps 1. Other deaths under one year 20. Other deaths over one year 141. Stillbirths 6. Total 227.

INDIANS—Tuberculosis 6, Influenza 2, Pneumonia (other forms) 1. Other deaths under one year 2. Other deaths over one year 5. Stillbirths 2. Total 18.

DISEASES	Manitoba June 18-July 15	Ontario June 14-July 11	Saskatchewan June 14-July 11	Minnesota June 14-July 11	North Dakota June 14-July 11
Amoebic Dysentery				8	
Anterior Poliomyelitis	3	1		3	1
Meningococcal Meningitis		12	2	1	
Chickenpox	122	878	141	148	
Diphtheria	15	8	13	8	4
Erysipelas	10	4	3	3	
Influenza		11	4	1	6
Encephalitis	1		4	2	4
Measles	195	966	48	763	44
German Measles	9	122	18		
Mumps	103	1063	341		
Scarlet Fever	66	483	85	88	21
Septic Sore Throat	1	8			
Smallpox			1	1	
Tuberculosis	83	181	60	43	16
Typhoid Fever		1		7	
Typh. Para-Typhoid		7	1		1
Undulant Fever		7			
Whooping Cough	10	227	3	139	21
Diphtheria Carriers	1				
Gonorrhoea	107	521			30
Syphilis	54	406			34

Note the eight cases of AMOEBIC DYSENTERY in Minnesota.

POLIOMYELITIS—a few cases only. To date of writing (Aug. 17) the total for Manitoba in 1942 is 28. At this date in 1941 the total was approximately 650 and the peak of the epidemic was past, but it must be remembered that the 1941 epidemic was one month earlier than is usual in Manitoba.

DIPHThERIA is still too prevalent—15 cases in Manitoba and 13 cases in Saskatchewan for our population is definitely too high.

MEASLES, MUMPS and SCARLET FEVER all show a decline.

SMALLPOX in Saskatchewan and Minnesota. On account of the increase in travel by personnel of the army, navy and air force, not to mention of civilians, it is quite probable that infection of this disease may be brought into Manitoba at any time. We recommend to all Medical Health Officers and Physicians that they lose no time before vaccinating and re-vaccinating all those in their care. Don't say you were not warned!

ENCEPHALITIS—25 cases reported to date in 1942; of these eight have died, giving a case fatality rate of 31%. This is double the case fatality rate for this disease in 1941. Are we missing some cases or are they not seeing a doctor? At this time last year the epidemic was at its height and 270 cases had occurred.